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NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC  
INTERPRETATION CENTER

## EASTERN GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION

## ...CHINA/NORTH KOREA BRANCH

## MISSION:

THE CHINA/NORTH KOREA BRANCH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXPLOITATION, ON AN ALL-SOURCE BASIS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIONAL TASKING PLAN, OF ALL IMAGERY ON CHINA AND NORTH KOREA EXCEPT FOR THOSE TARGETS SPECIFICALLY ASSIGNED TO THE MISSILES AND SPACE DIVISION OR THE SCIENTIFIC DIVISION.

## FUNCTIONS:

- PERFORM FIRST- AND SECOND-PHASE EXPLOITATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMIREX REQUIREMENTS, OF NEWLY ACQUIRED IMAGERY COVERING TARGETS IN CHINA AND NORTH KOREA NOT SPECIFICALLY ASSIGNED TO ANOTHER DIVISION. INCLUDED ARE: AIR, GROUND, NAVAL, AND SAM OB; NON-STRATEGIC INDUSTRIES; TRANSPORTATION, URBAN COMPLEXES, AND UNIDENTIFIED INSTALLATIONS.
- SCAN NEWLY ACQUIRED IMAGERY OF CHINA AND NORTH KOREA FOR NEW SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY AND FOR SIGNIFICANT CHANGES AT KNOWN TARGETS, AND TO INDEX PHOTOGRAPHY AS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE NATIONAL DATA BASE.
- SEARCH IMAGERY OF CHINA AND NORTH KOREA, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MISSILES AND SPACE DIVISION AND THE SCIENTIFIC DIVISION AS NECESSARY, FOR SPECIFIC TARGET INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMIREX REQUIREMENTS.
- PREPARE BASIC REPORTS ON UNIDENTIFIED INSTALLATIONS OF POTENTIAL STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE IN CHINA AND NORTH KOREA.
- RESPOND TO APPROVED REQUIREMENTS OF USIB MEMBER AGENCIES AND COMMITTEES AND OTHER HIGHER AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION ON INSTALLATIONS AND OBJECTS IN CHINA AND NORTH KOREA.
- PERFORM SELECTIVE REVIEW OF JCS PENETRATION MISSIONS COVERING CHINA AND NORTH KOREA FOR BRIEFING AIDS AND SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIRECTION RECEIVED FROM THE COMIREX OR HIGHER AUTHORITY.
- MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH SPECIALISTS ON CHINA AND NORTH KOREA; PROVIDE BRIEFINGS AND OTHER SUPPORT, AS APPROVED.
- MAINTAIN SUCH SUPPLEMENTARY DATA ON THE ABOVE AREAS IN THE NATIONAL BASE OF IMAGERY-DERIVED INFORMATION AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY TO SUPPORT NPIC IMAGERY INTERPRETERS.

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